

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 5 by rewriting same to read as follows.

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--5. (Amended) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said storage means comprises first storage means and further comprising:

second storage means for storing said predetermined value;

first read-out means for reading-out said transformed predetermined value stored in said management area of said first storage means,

a' inverse transforming means for inverse-transforming said transformed predetermined value stored in said management area of said first storage means, where an inverse-transform of said inverse-transforming means corresponds to said transform performed by said transforming means,

second read-out means for reading-out said predetermined value stored in said second storage means,

comparing means for comparing an inverse-transformed value of said inverse-transforming means with said predetermined value read out from said second read-out means, and